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1. JIU CHIEF INSPECTOR BRYNTSEV AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JUNE 14 INTRODUCED AGENDA ITEM 17(G), THE JIU REPORT ON THE ROLE OF EXPERTS, FOR CONCURRENT DISCUSSION WITH THE REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR, ITEM 4.
2. BRYNTSEV BRIEFLY OUTLINED THE REPORT'S MAJOR COMPONENTS, TOUCHING ON RECOMMENDATION I, AND IA-C, WHICH CALLED FOR HOST GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT AND EXECUTION OF PROJECTS FUNDED BY UNDP. JIU THEN BEGAN TO TAKE ISSUE WITH COMMENTS ON THE ROLE OF EXPERTS REPORT JOINTLY SUBMITTED BY THE AGENCIES IN DP/334/ADD 2. CHAIRMAN REITERATED AGENCIES' FINDING THAT OF 65 JIU RECOMMENDATIONS 39 (60 PERCENT) WERE ACCEPTABLE, 19 (OR 30 PERCENT) NEEDED FURTHER STUDY AND ONLY 7 RECOMMENDATIONS (OR 10 PERCENT) PRESENTED SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR IMPLEMENTATION AT THIS STAGE.
3. CHAIRMAN STATED HIS DISAGREEMENT WITH THE AGENCIES' COMMENTS ON THE LAST TWO CLASSES OF RECOMMENDATIONS. THEIR COMMENTS HAD BEEN QUOTE UNCONVINCING UNQUOTE.

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4. JIU MADE CLEAR ITS DISAGREEMENT WITH THE AGENCIES' COMMENTS IN PARAS 16-20 OF DP/334/ADD 2 THAT THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOME CONFUSION ON JIU'S PART BETWEEN GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNMENT EXECUTION. QUOTE AS I HAVE ALREADY MENTIONED, GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT OF PROJECTS IS A BROAD CONCEPT RECOMMENDED BY JIU FOR UNIVERSAL APPLICA-

TION WHILE "GOVERNMENT EXECUTION OF PROJECTS" IS AN OPTION WHICH COULD BE EXERCISED BY GOVERNMENTS WHEN APPROPRIATE. THEREFORE IN THE REPORT, THE JIU RECOMMENDS THAT GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT SHOULD BE APPLIED AS THE NORM, PROMPTLY AND ACROSS THE BOARD, WHILE GOVERNMENT EXECUTION WOULD BE APPLIED WITH FLEXIBILITY, AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THESE TWO CONCEPTS IS CLEARLY BROUGHT OUT IN PARAGRAPH 55 OF THE JIU REPORT. I SHOULD ADD THAT UNDER BOTH CONCEPTS - GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNMENT EXECUTION - JIU PROPOSES THAT THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR BE FULLY MAINTAINED AND EVEN REINFORCED AS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS 63 TO 65 OF THE JIU REPORT. THESE PARAGRAPHS SUGGEST INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS BY UNDP ON THE BASIS OF A REINFORCED TRIPARTITE REVIEW. UNQUOTE. FINAL SENTENCE AND FACT JIU IS UNBENDING IN THE FACE OF THE JOINT COMMENTS SUGGEST THAT JIU IS FIRMLY HOLDING ITS GROUND.

5. JIU ALSO DEMONSTRATED ITS IRE WITH THE AGENCIES FOR HAVING USED QUOTE NOT FELICITOUS UNQUOTE LANGUAGE IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF THEIR COMMENTS, PROVIDING ANOTHER FACET TO THE AGENCIES/JIU ANTAGONISM WHICH WAS MADE EVIDENT THE PRECEDING WEEK AT THE MEETING OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP ON OVERHEAD COSTS.

7. GOVERNMENT REACTIONS AND COMMENTS TO THE JIU REPORT
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